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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 3900/DOB/ps |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2005/000731 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 21 MARCH 2005 | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107589248 Priority 26 MARCH 2004 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION MUFFLER FOR EXHAUST SYSTEMS OF VEHICLES | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Alessandro GILLI | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
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| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: | | |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> | | |

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20. Other items or information:
REDRAFTED CLAIMS 8 TO 14 AND NEW ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE FOR ENTERING THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

| The following fees have been submitted | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY | | | |
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... | | | | \$ 300 | | | | |
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| TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = | | | | 900.00 | | | | |
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| CLAIMS | | | | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | |
| Total claims | | | | 7 - 20 = | | x \$ 50 | \$ | |
| Independent claims | | | | 1 - 3 = | | x \$200 | \$ | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | | | + \$360 | \$ | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 900.00 | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL = | \$ 450.00 | | | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). | | | | \$ | | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | \$ 450.00 | | | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | \$ | | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | \$ 490.00 | | | |
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Agent's docket: 3900/DOB/ps

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Sir,

Applicant desires processing of the above International Application in the national U.S. phase under P.C.T..

This is to enclose:

- 1) Transmittal letter in duplicate; Authorization (Form PTO-1390) to collect US \$ 490.=;
- 2) Assignment to SUPERSPRINT S.R.L. + Deposit Account Order for the Assignment fee in the amount of US \$ 40.=
- 3) Specification and claims with combined declaration and power of attorney duly signed on July 28, 2006 and attached thereto for the above Patent Application;
- 4) Two formal drawings accompanying the specification;
- 5) Preliminary Amendment with new claims 8 to 14 and new abstract of the disclosure;

We further enclose the following documents:

- 6) Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date;
+ Copy of Request;
- 7) Notification concerning submission or transmittal of Priority Document;
- 8) Notification of transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration;
+ International Search Report and cited references;
+ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(b);
- 9) Copy of publication of International Application published under P.C.T.;

10) First notice informing the Applicant of the communication of the Communication of the International Application to the designated offices.

The priority date of the Italian Utility Model Application No. TO2004U000041 of March 26, 2004 is respectfully claimed.

The Certified Copy was submitted at WIPO on April 25, 2005.

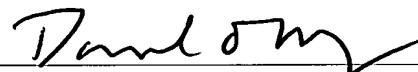
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Respectfully submitted



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